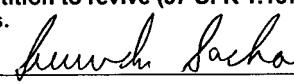


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/550215</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/US04/06080</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>18 MARCH 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>31 MARCH 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>A BARRIER LAYER FOR A PROCESSING ELEMENT AND A METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Gary ESCHER, et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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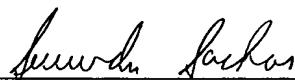
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